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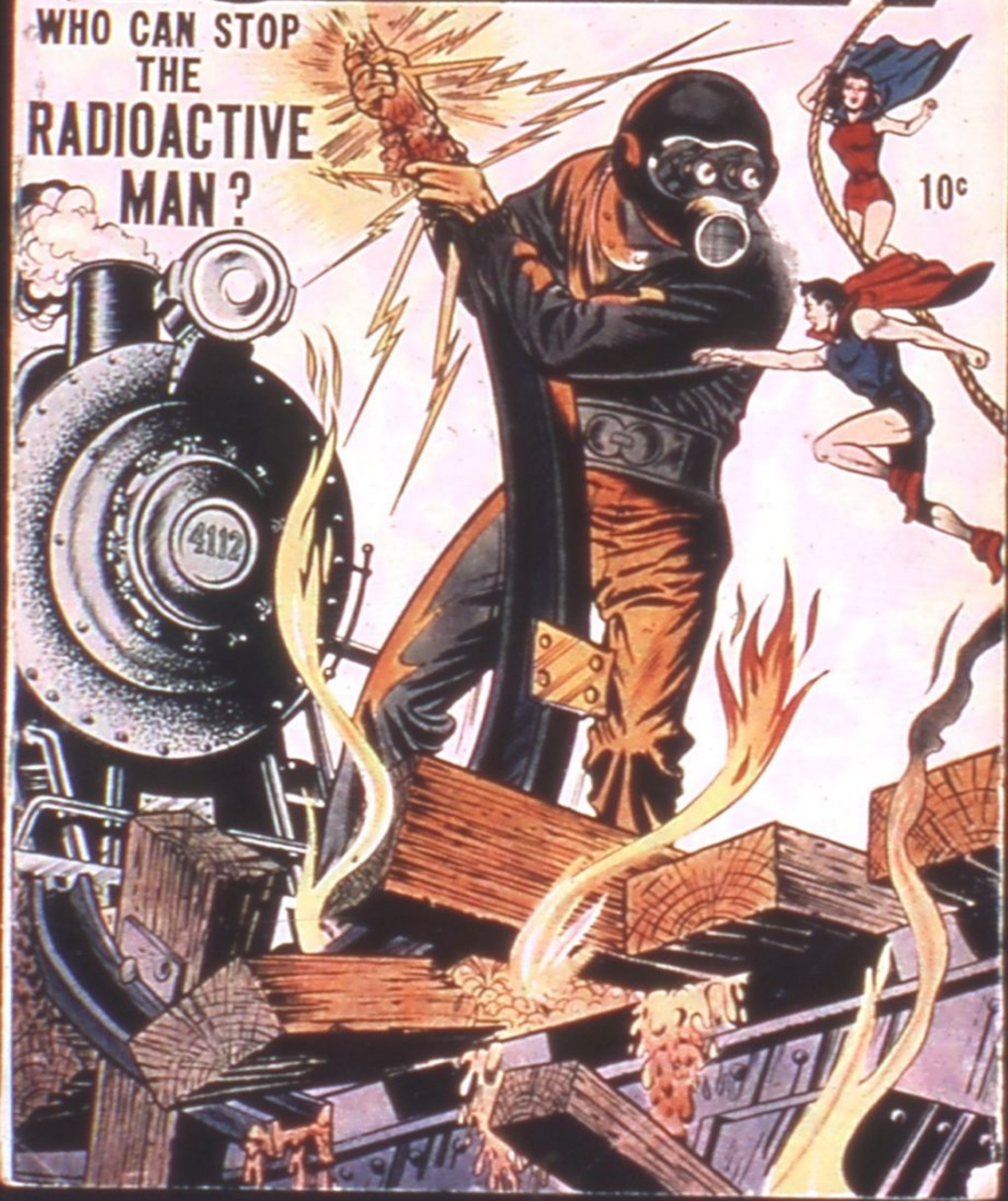
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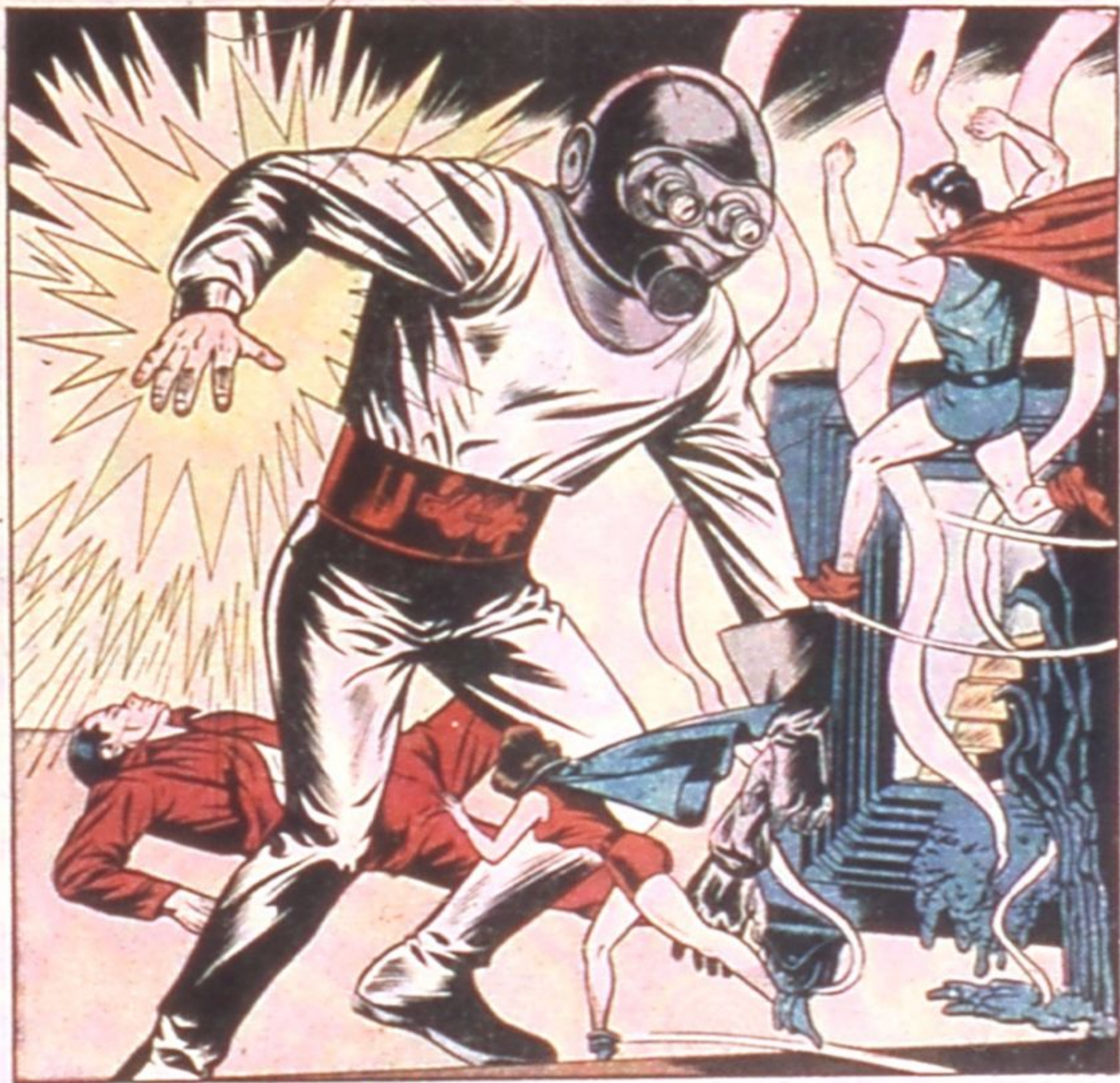
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RADIOACTIVE MAN!

THE STRANGEST VILLAIN IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD... A WALKING ATOM BOMB... SETS OUT TO CAPTURE SECRETS VITAL TO THE SAFETY OF THE UNITED STATES!

— WHO CAN STOP HIM?

— DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MITE, CHARGE INTO ACTION! AGAINST THE MOST DANGEROUS HUMAN BEING WHO EVER LIVED WHEN THEY BATTLE

RADIOACTIVE MAN!

DARREL DANE AND MARTHA ROBERTS ARE WORKING AT AN EXPERIMENTAL ATOMIC PILE IN THE YAST PLANT AT NEWBERG WHEN...



AT THIS MOMENT IN THE INSTRUMENT ROOM!



LOOK! IT'S HARVEY KANE, THE NEW PHYSICIST WHO WAS JUST ASSIGNED TO THE STAFF HERE!

HE HAS NO BUSINESS IN THERE! AND HE KNOWS IT! THAT LEAVES ONLY ONE EXPLANATION! HE'S A RED SPY!



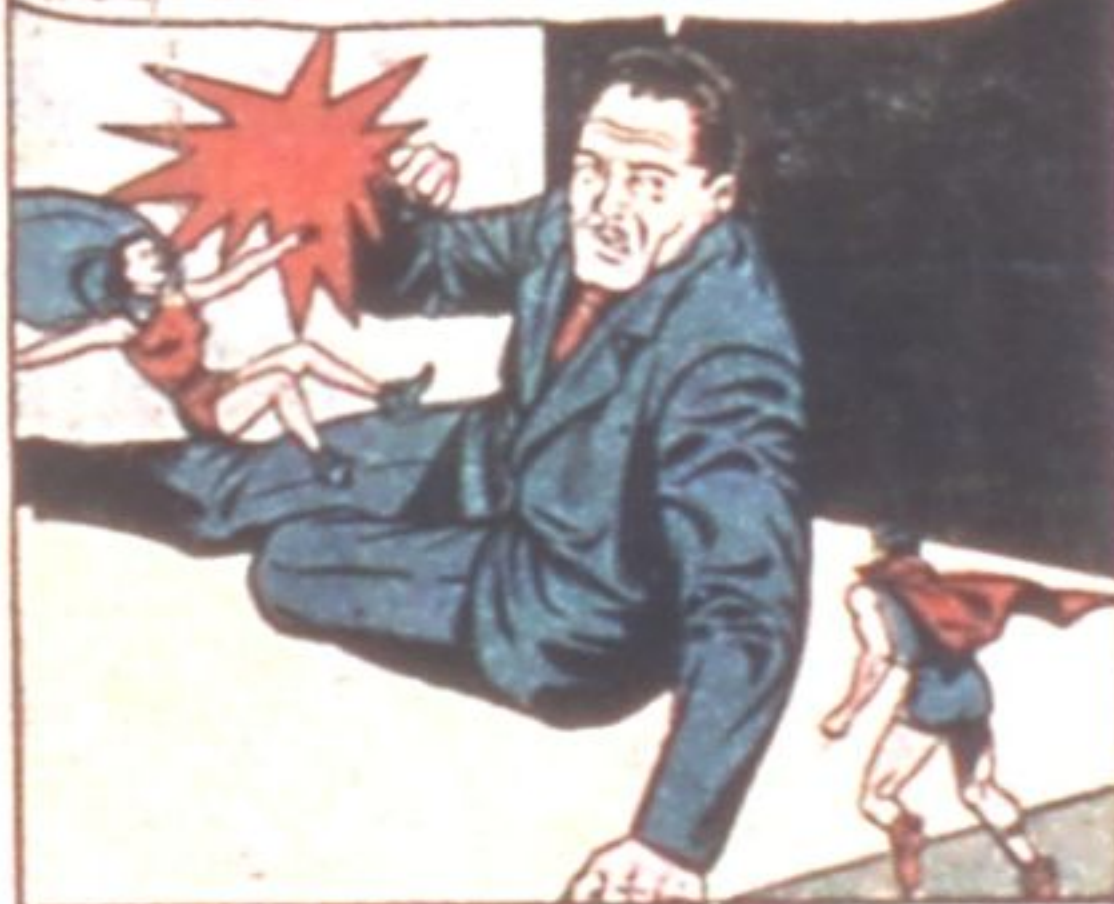
INSTANTLY USING THEIR POWERFUL WILLS, DARREL DANE AND MARTHA ROBERTS SHRINK DOWN INTO THE TINY FIGURES OF THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MITES... DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL!



AND WHEN HARVEY KANE EMERGES ...



YOU LITTLE FOOLS! I PLANTED A BOMB IN THERE! IT'S GOING TO EXPLODE ANY SECOND!



IF IT DOES, YOU'LL BE RIGHT HERE WHEN IT DOES!



KANE WAS PLENTY WORRIED! THERE MUST BE A BOMB IN HERE SOMEPLACE!

HE WAS TRYING TO WRECK THE NEW ATOMIC PILE!



AS PRECIOUS MOMENTS TICK PAST, DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL PLAY A GAME OF HIDE AND SEEK WITH DEATH!

IT'S A TIME BOMB! KANE MUST HAVE SET IT TO GO OFF A FEW MINUTES AFTER HE REACHED SAFETY!

THERE CAN'T BE MORE THAN SECONDS LEFT! BUT WHERE IS IT?



FINALLY, AFTER WHAT SEEMS AN ETERNITY!

HERE IT IS! KANE PUT IT IN A SECTION OF THE INSULATING WALL!



ONLY ONE THING TO DO NOW! DEACTIVATE IT!

HURRY, DOLL MAN! PLEASE HURRY!

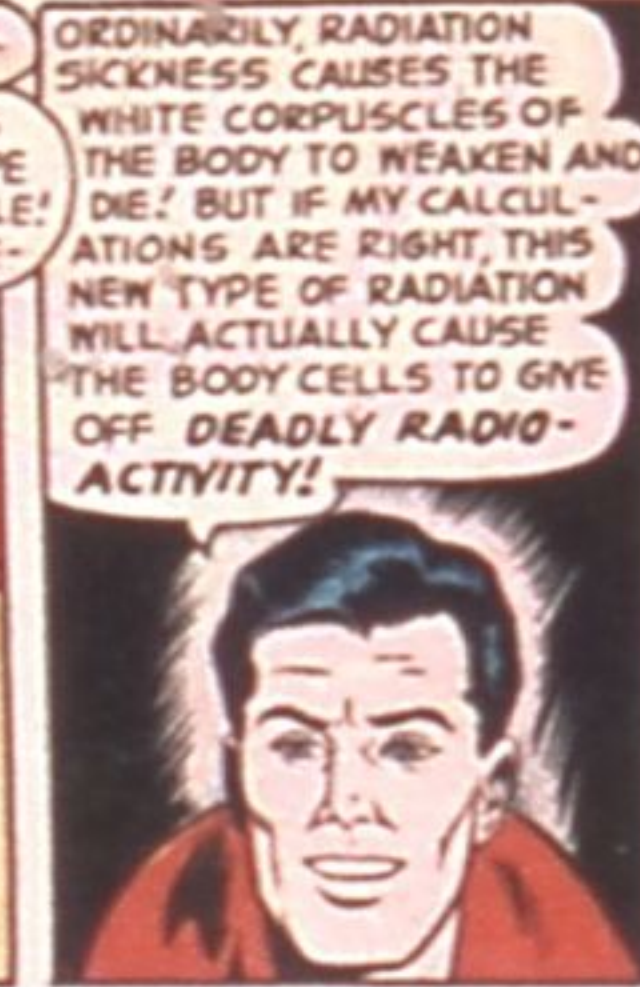


DOLL MAN WINS HIS RACE WITH TIME!

WHEW! IT'S DONE!

HEAR THAT? THE TRIGGER WAS JUST ABOUT TO DETONATE THE BOMB! WE'D HAVE BEEN BLOWN TO BITS!





IN THE HIDEOUT ROOM WHERE HARVEY KANE HAS TAKEN REFUGE!

AND WHEN THE MASTER SPY LURES A STRAY CAT TO HIS DOOR...



DOLL MAN

A FEW DAYS LATER, DARREL DANE AND MARTHA ROBERTS ARE PRESENT AT THE EPOCHAL EVENT...



AND MY POWER IS GROWING EVERY DAY! HA-HA-HA! SOON I'LL BE THE MOST POWERFUL HUMAN BEING WHO EVER LIVED! I'LL BE A... **RADIOACTIVE MAN!**



AS GOVERNOR OF THIS STATE, I'M PROUD TO BE PRESENT AT THE FIRST JOURNEY OF AN ATOM-POWERED LOCOMOTIVE! THIS MARKS A TREMENDOUS ADVANCE IN HUMAN WELFARE!

WITH DARREL AND MARTHA AND OTHER CELEBRITIES ABOARD, THE TRAIN HEADS OUT ACROSS A NARROW TRESTLE! SUDDENLY...



I'M SO PROUD OF YOU, DARREL! YOUR WORK WITH THE NEW ATOMIC PILE HELPED TO MAKE THIS DAY POSSIBLE!

SOON ATOMIC POWER WILL TAKE OVER THE LOAD OF RUNNING INDUSTRY, MARTHA! A LOT DEPENDS ON THE SUCCESS OF THIS FIRST TRAIN!



YOU'RE ALL DOOMED!

A QUEERLY GARBED FIGURE STANDS BEFORE THE ONRUSHING TRAIN! WITH ONE UNGLOVED HAND, HE REACHES DOWN AND CUTS THROUGH THE TRESTLE TRACK--



THIS IS THE END OF YOUR NOBLE EXPERIMENT!

THE BRAKES! STOP THE TRAIN!



THE TRAIN STOPPED--IN THE NICK OF TIME!

WE'RE NOT SAFE YET! LOOK! HE'S DESTROYING MORE OF THE TRESTLE SUPPORTS! WE'LL PLUNGE INTO THE RIVER!

INSTANTLY, AN EFFORT OF WILL SUMMONS DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL TO THE SCENE!

HE MUST BE A MADMAN!

NOT AT ALL! CAN'T YOU GUESS HIS IDENTITY?





WIELDING THE HEAVY STEEL TRACK LIKE A PLYWOOD STICK, RADIOACTIVE MAN STRIKES!



REELING BACKWARD, RADIOACTIVE MAN TOPPLES FROM THE STEEP TRESTLE ...

LIKE WELL TRAINED ACROBATS, DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL TIME THEIR DESPERATE LEAP FOR LIFE!



CLOSE! WE NEARLY ENDED UP IN THE RIVER -- WITH HIM!

WEARING THAT HEAVY OUTFIT, HE'LL SINK LIKE A STONE! IT'S ALL OVER! LET'S CLIMB UP AND JOIN THE OTHERS!



LONG AFTER THE TRAIN MOVES ON, A HELMETED VILLAIN RISES FROM THE RIVER'S CLUTCHES!

THEY THOUGHT I WAS DEAD! BUT THIS SUIT I WEAR AGAINST RADIATION HAPPENS TO BE AIRTIGHT, TOO! IT'S AS GOOD AS A DIVER'S OUTFIT!



DOLL MAN

I'M STILL ALIVE! AND I'LL BE BACK -- TO DESTROY AND WRECK HAVOC! NOTHING CAN STAND AGAINST ME! LET DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL BEWARE OF -- RADIOACTIVE MAN!



SOON AFTERWARD, A STARTLING HEADLINE!



NEARLY FOUR BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF VITAL URANIUM SHIPPED HERE BY A FRIENDLY COUNTRY! ENOUGH TO SUPPLY OUR DEFENSE NEEDS FOR A LONG TIME TO COME!

PROVIDED IT REACHES THE ATOMIC PLANTS WHERE IT'S SUPPOSED TO GO!



WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

THEY DIDN'T FIND RADIOACTIVE MAN'S BODY WHEN THEY DRAGGED THE RIVER'S BOTTOM! I'M CERTAIN HE'S STILL ALIVE, MARTHA! THE MOST DANGEROUS SPY THAT EVER LIVED! CAN YOU IMAGINE HIS REACTIONS WHEN HE READS THIS?



EVEN RADIOACTIVE MAN COULD PULL OFF A JOB LIKE THIS ALONE! HE WOULD NEED A FLEET OF TRUCKS AND HELPERS, TO MOVE THAT MUCH URANIUM!

IT WON'T BE HARD FOR HIM TO GET HELPERS! IF HE COULD GET THAT URANIUM, IT WOULD BE WORTH MANY TIMES ITS PURCHASE PRICE TO THE NATION HE'S SERVING!



ONCE AGAIN, THEIR AMAZING WILL POWER ENABLES DARREL DANE AND MARTHA TO BECOME THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST KITES --

IF RADIOACTIVE MAN TRIES TO STEAL FOUR BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF URANIUM, IT WILL BE THE MOST DARING ROBBERY IN HISTORY!

THAT'S JUST WHAT WOULD APPEAL TO HIM!



AS THE TINY DOLL PLANE WHIZZES AWAY...

DOLL MAN

AT THIS MOMENT, ON A HIGHWAY WHERE ARMY TRUCKS ARE TRAVELING...

A SINGLE MIGHTY HEAVE AND AND RADIOACTIVE MAN DIS-
LODGES THE HUGE BOULDER!

THE URANIUM IS STORED IN UNDERGROUND GOVERNMENT VAULTS! WE'LL BE ON HAND TO MAKE SURE NOTHING HAPPENS TO IT UNTIL IT'S READY FOR DELIVERY!

NOW'S THE TIME!

THAT WILL START A LAND-SLIDE AND WIPE OUT THE HIGHWAY!

RUMBLE

LOOK OUT!

WE'RE BLOCKED OFF! I GUESS WE'RE LUCKY TO BE ALIVE! I WONDER WHAT STARTED THAT AVALANCHE?

AS THE ARMY CONVOY IS BLOCKED OFF, RADIOACTIVE MAN GOES FURTHER ALONG THE HIGHWAY TO WHERE HIS OWN FLEET OF TRUCKS IS WAITING!

ALL RIGHT, MEN! LET'S GET MOVING!

YOU SURE THIS IS GONNA BE ALL RIGHT, RADIOACTIVE MAN? IF THE REAL ARMY TRUCKS SHOW UP WHILE WE'RE LOADING THIS STUFF, IT'LL BE JUST TOO BAD!

SOON...

STOP WORRYING! I SAID I'D TAKE CARE OF THEM, DIDN'T I? THE TRUCKS THEY'RE EXPECTING WON'T BE ABLE TO GET THROUGH FOR DAYS! WE'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO GET THE URANIUM!

EVERYTHING SEEMS OKAY! THE ARMY TRUCKS ARE LOADING UP ON SCHEDULE!

WAIT A MINUTE! SOMETHING IS QUEER! I RECOGNIZE ONE OF THE DRIVERS! HE'S NOT AN ARMY MAN! HE'S HOT ROD LOUIE -- A RED WHEEL MAN!



HELLO, LOUIE! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE YOU DROVE THE CAR IN THE HINKS ROBBERY!

HUH?



DOLL MAN! I'LL ..

HOW DID YOU GET IN TO THIS SET-UP, LOUIE? YOU COULDN'T FOOL THE AUTHORITIES WITH YOUR RECORD!



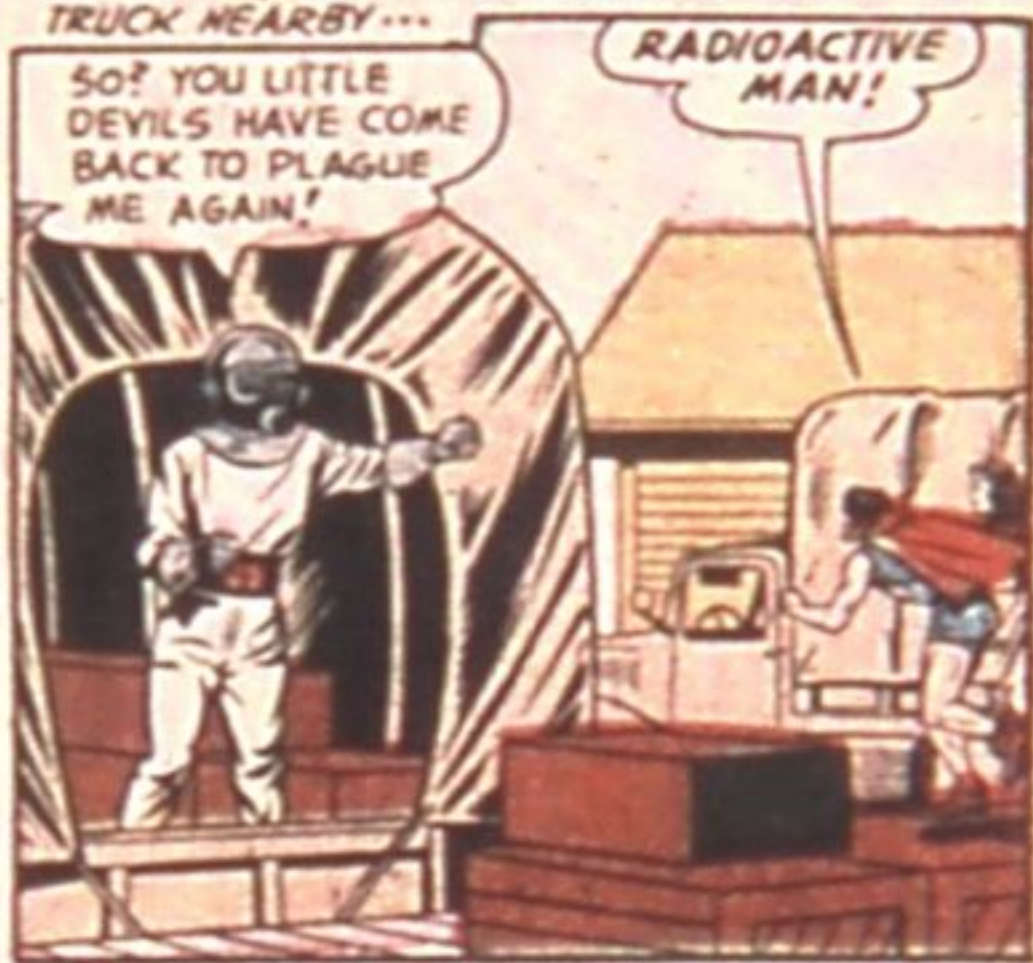
UH-OH! HERE'S ANOTHER BAD BOY! HE WAS GOING TO USE THAT MONKEY WRENCH ON DOLL MAN!



ABRUPTLY, FROM THE REAR OF A COVERED TRUCK NEARBY...

SO? YOU LITTLE DEVILS HAVE COME BACK TO PLAGUE ME AGAIN!

RADIOACTIVE MAN!



SEIZING A HEAVY LEADEN CASKET OF URANIUM, RADIOACTIVE MAN HURLS IT WITH SAVAGE FORCE!

JUMP, DOLL GIRL!



YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE! IT'S TIME YOU WERE ON THE RECEIVING END!





BETTER NOT COME TOO CLOSE! ONE TOUCH OF MY HAND WILL KILL YOU! MY POWER HAS GROWN EVEN GREATER SINCE WE LAST MET!

YOU POOR IDIOT, THAT MEANS THE RADIATION HAS GOTTEN WORSE!



I WARNED YOU! NOW FEEL MY POWER AND DIE!

OH!



BUT DOLL GIRL'S MOAN OF PAIN ONLY THROWS RADIOACTIVE MAN OFF GUARD! AS HIS GRASP LOOSENS...

FOOLED YOU, DIDN'T WE? THE INSIDE OF OUR COSTUMES ARE LINED WITH A THIN SHEET OF LEAD! AND LEAD ACTS AS AN INSULATOR AGAINST RADIO-ACTIVITY!

UNDER THE BATTERING ATTACK OF THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MITES, THE EERIE FIGURE AT LAST CEASES TO RESIST...



HE CRUMPLED SUDDENLY! IS HE ...?

YES, DOLL GIRL! HE'S DYING! THIS LAST BATTLE USED UP HIS REMAINING STORE OF ENERGY!



HIS STRENGTH WAS UNNATURAL! BUT THE VERY RADIOACTIVITY THAT GAVE HIM HIS POWER WAS DESTROYING HIM! YOU SEE HOW FAR IT HAS GONE ...

IT'S HORRIBLE... HORRIBLE!

WHEN RADIOACTIVE MAN'S HENCHMEN ARE ROUNDED UP

HIS DARING SCHEME MIGHT ACTUALLY HAVE SUCCEEDED -- IF NOT FOR YOU TWO! OUR GOVERNMENT OWES YOU BOTH A TREMENDOUS DEBT OF GRATITUDE!

NOW THAT RADIO-ACTIVE MAN IS DEAD, WE CAN ALL BREATHE EASIER!

AND SOMETIME LATER...

I SEE IN THE NEWS-PAPERS WHERE THE FIRST TEST OF THE ATOM-POWERED LOCOMOTIVE WAS A SUCCESS! IT'S OPENING A NEW ERA IN SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT!

YES - BUT THERE ARE BOUND TO BE SURPRISES AND DISAPPOINTMENTS! AFTER ALL, WHO COULD HAVE PREDICTED THAT MODERN SCIENCE COULD HAVE CREATED A MONSTER LIKE --

RADIOACTIVE MAN?



The Myth of the Maniac

A SHRIEK cut the crisp air of approaching evening and pierced Patrolman Jud Hanley's ear like an icy dart. A shiver ran up his spine and he stopped on his beat, frozen in his tracks. It came again, a shrill wail, like the frantic cry of a wild beast. And there was no mistaking that it came from the sedate, big white house that was occupied by Jonathon Stone.

"What in the world?" thought Jud as he raced across the huge lawn that divided the house from the street. "I've never heard anything like it." There was another scream and Jud Hanley's eyes followed its source to a barred attic window. He gasped at what he saw.

It was a man with shaggy black and matted hair. He looked more like a monster than a man. And yet, even in the semi-darkness, Jud saw that the face seemed unmistakably to be that of Jonathon Stone.

"But it can't be," he reasoned. "I saw Mr. Stone drive in not more than thirty minutes ago."

Jud knocked loudly on the door. No answer. He tried opening it but it was locked. He knocked again but all was silence. Even the weird cries had stopped. He was about to break in the door when it suddenly opened and Jonathon Stone stood before him, a little nervous obviously but otherwise with his usual solemn dignity. He was a lawyer of good repute and a partner of elderly Samuel Blakely, a widower with considerable wealth.

"I heard screams from here," explained Jud, "and I saw—"

"You saw?" repeated Jonathon Stone. "In that case, officer, come in."

Jud took the chair that was offered him while Mr. Stone stood and paused a moment before he began to speak. Then he said, "The creature you saw was my twin brother. He is incurably insane. For years I've kept him here and he's been silent and never violent. But now he is a raving maniac. He hates everyone but me and his only thought is of destruction. This has been my secret. No one, not even my partner Sam Blakely, has known of this. But now the truth will be out, I suppose. I will have my brother committed to an asylum as soon as possible."

"I—I'm sorry," said Jud. "Is there anything I can do?"

"Not now," replied Stone, "but I may want you for a witness later to get him into the institution. And that can't be too soon. I'm afraid now of what he might do."

A few times after that, Jud heard the denuded cries and saw the black mop of tangled hair at the window but he saw no reason to

question Jonathon Stone further. The man, he thought, was tormented enough and would take care of the situation as soon as possible.

Then one night, the screams seemed to curdle the air and Jud Hanley saw the big white house in flames. A fire alarm box was near so he crashed the glass and put in the call. Then he ran as fast as he could to the house and met Jonathon Stone coming out. He was not the calm attorney that Jud had seen before. His hair was rumpled and his hand shook visibly.

"He did it," quavered Stone. "He set the house on fire but that's not all. He escaped me today and—well, he told me that he killed my partner Blakely out of jealousy. We were quarreling when he set fire to the house. I was afraid something like this would happen."

The arrival of the fire trucks seemed to surprise Jonathon Stone. "How did they get here so soon?" he asked.

"I called them," answered Officer Hanley. Then, while the fire department worked, Jud left to put in a call to the Homicide Department.

"You're right," said the Chief. "Samuel Blakely was murdered. My men are out there right now."

Jud was sure that the maniac had committed the crime and he was probably now dead. But when he returned to the Stone house, he found that the fire was out without too much damage. Fire Chief Morgan came to meet him, explaining that it was mostly in the roof and the rafters.

"What about the man up there?" asked Hanley.

"What man?" queried Morgan. "All we found that resembled a man was a false wig."

Jonathon Stone overheard and tried to make a getaway but Jud Hanley was too quick for him. And after that, Stone made no effort to cover up his crime. He confessed immediately that he, himself, had killed his partner Blakely because he knew the old man had made him sole heir of his will. There had never been a twin brother but he, Stone, had played the part—putting on the wig and screaming from the window. An insane man, he knew, could not be convicted of a crime, especially when he had died in a fire. Only the fire had been started by Jonathon Stone, too, to cover false evidence and collect insurance.

"Wow," muttered Fire Chief Morgan, after Jonathon Stone had been taken away in a police wagon. "I didn't get the pitch at first. He made out like he had a brother who was nuts, huh? And no twin brother at all."

"No," answered Jud. "The maniac was a myth. But, if you ask me, Jonathon Stone is the maniac."

TORCHY









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LOVE
3
MINUTES
ROMANCE
SHEER MAGIC

DICK DRAKE ASKED ME
TO THE PROM SATURDAY-
BUT I CAN'T POSSIBLY GO!
JUST LOOK AT MY STRINGY
HAIR-MY DRIED OUT SKIN...
I'M A MESS!

LISTEN, SUZY, I'LL
TELL YOU IN A
JIFF HOW YOU
CAN BECOME A
REAL GLAMOUR
GIRL!



DICK DRAKE

DISCOVERS
NIL-O-NAL'S
3-MINUTE
MAGIC

THE GIRLS CALL ME
"WILD MAN FROM
BORNEO" BECAUSE
MY HAIR WON'T STAY
COMBED! MAYBE
NIL-O-NAL IS
THE ANSWER!



SAY THIS REALLY FEELS
GOOD! ALL YOU DO IS
RUB IT IN FOR 3
SHORT MINUTES AND
THE SUPER-LANDOLIN
FORMULA WORKS DEEP
DOWN... REVITALIZES
BOTH THE HAIR AND
THE SCALP!



OFF ON ANOTHER DATE!
MISTER NIL-O-NAL IS
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DOLL MAN

"THE RAISER OF THE DEAD!"

AS IF IT WERE NOT CRIME ENOUGH TO RAISE THE LONG-BURIED DEAD, DOLL MAN, DIMINUTIVE BUNDLE OF HUMAN DYNAMITE, STUMBLED ACROSS A MONSTER WHO BURIED AS MANY PEOPLE AS HE "UNBURIED"! IT WAS THEN THAT THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MITE TOOK ON THE WORLD'S FIGHT-INGEST FRIGHT IN A BATTLE TO THE DEATH!



ONE WEEKEND AFTERNOON, AS DARREL DANE, FAMED RESEARCH SCIENTIST, WAS OUT ON A DATE WITH HIS FIANCEE, MARTHA ROBERTS...

I DISLIKE THIS SPIRITUALIST BUNKUM, MARTHA! IT TURNS MY STOMACH TO SEE HOW THESE FAKIRS TAKE GULLIBLE PEOPLE FOR A RIDE!

AW, COME ON, DARREL! YOGI THE MEDIUM IS SUPPOSED TO BE SENSATIONAL!

BEING A WOMAN, MARTHA WON OUT! BUT BEING A SCIENTIST, DARREL DANE WAS NOT CONVINCED!

BUT THESE THINGS ARE RACKETS, MARTHA! THERE ISN'T ONE MEDIUM WHO'S NOT A LIAR AND A THIEF!

AND NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE STUPENDOUS, FRIGHTENING PERFORMANCE YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR! THE ONLY HUMAN BEING WHO CAN MAKE CONTACT WITH THE OTHER WORLD-- YOGI THE MEDIUM!



GOOD EVENING, SAHIBS AND MEMSAHIBS! AS YOU KNOW, MY SPECIALTY IS COMMUNICATING WITH SOLDIERS UNFORTUNATELY SLAIN IN THE WAR! IS THERE SOME FAMILY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WISHES TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THEIR DEPARTED SONS?



I-I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO MY SON -- BILL HASTINGS, CORPORAL IN THE EIGHTH ARMY, FIGHTING IN KOREA! NUMBER 879032-J!

PSST! DARREL! THIS WOMAN'S NO STOOGE! SHE WAS ON THE LINE WITH US! HER HUSBAND HATED TO GO IN AS MUCH AS YOU DID!



I DON'T CARE, MARTHA! IT'S OOOOIS ENOUGH FOR THIS CHARLATAN TO PRETEND TO RAISE THE DEAD! BUT AMERICAN WAR DEAD! IT'S SICKENING!

BILL HASTINGS-- EIGHTH ARMY-- NUMBER 879032-J -- I AM CALLING YOU! YOUR MOTHER WISHES TO HEAR YOUR VOICE! SPEAK THROUGH THE TRUMPET!

ANOTHER MEDIUM'S TRICK! THE VOICE SPEAKS THROUGH THE TRUMPET, SO THAT THE NASAL SOUND CAN'T BE EASILY DISTINGUISHED!

MOTHER--MOTHER! THIS IS JUGGENS!

GASP! T-THAT'S THE PET NAME I USED TO CALL BILL!



NOW BILL -- YOUR FOLKS WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU! TRY TO APPEAR, WON'T YOU? TRY..

ALL RIGHT! FOR MOTHER -- I'LL TRY!

GASP! A FACE IS FORMING BEHIND THE YOGI!



IT'S BILL! IT'S BILL!... SOB! HE'S COME BACK!

THANK YOU, BILL! NOW RETURN TO YOUR OWN WORLD!

NO! NO! BRING HIM BACK! I MUST SEE MY BILL -- MY JUGGENS AGAIN! PLEASE... PLEASE!

I SYMPATHIZE WITH YOU, MADAM... BUT THIS IS NOT THE PLACE TO DO IT! HERE IS MY CARD! SEE ME PRIVATELY AND I WILL GIVE YOU ABUNDANT PROOF THAT BILL LIVES... SOMEWHERE ELSE!



TWO HOURS LATER...

WHEW! THAT WAS SOMETHING! SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE PREVENTED BY LAW! YOGI IS A HEARTLESS CRIMINAL! DID YOU SEE HOW HE RAISED THAT POOR MOTHER'S HOPES OF SEEING HER SON AGAIN? HE'LL MILK BILL'S PARENTS OF THEIR LAST NICKEL!

THEN YOU STILL THINK THAT EVERYTHING YOU SAW WAS A FAKE?

YES! A CLEVER DIABOLICAL FAKE! THE MAN IS A CROOK! AND I'LL PROVE HIS CRIMINALITY! LET'S GO BACKSTAGE!

SO YOU THINK I USE TRICKERY AND MACHINERY TO ACCOMPLISH MY EFFECTS?

RIGHT! YOU'RE NO MORE A YOGI THAN AL CAPONE WAS A LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN! IF YOU'RE ON THE LEVEL, LET'S SEE YOU RAISE MY BROTHER FROM THE DEAD!



I ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE! YOUR BROTHER'S NAME, REGIMENT AND TIME OF DEATH, IF YOU PLEASE!

NICHOLAS DANE, SIXTH ARMY! NUMBER 500734-L-- KILLED IN ACTION JUNE 3, 1950! WHEN YOU THINK YOU CAN RAISE NICK, LET ME KNOW!



IT'S A TRAP, YOGI! WE CHECKED THE FILES, THERE WAS NO SUCH SOLDIER! FOR GOOD REASON -- DARREL DANE HAS NO BROTHER!

IN THAT CASE, MR. DANE SHALL MEET WITH A SUDDEN FATAL ACCIDENT! TAKE THE TRUCK! SEE THAT THESE TWO NEVER CRAMP MY ACT AGAIN!



THAT EVENING AFTER DINNER --

SO YOU DELIBERATELY GAVE YOGI A PHONEY NAME TO TEST HIM!

YES! NOW HE HAS TO JUMP ONE WAY OR THE OTHER! TO ADMIT DEFEAT OR RESORT TO VIOLENCE! GASP! LOOK OUT, MARTHA! THAT TRUCK!



USING THEIR AMAZING POWER TO INSTANTLY SHRINK THEIR MOLECULAR CONSTRUCTION TO A FRACTION OF ITS FORMER SIZE, DARREL DANE AND MARTHA ROBERTS, REDUCE THEMSELVES INTO THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MITES -- DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL!

THIS IS THE ONLY WAY WE CAN ESCAPE BEING KILLED!



DOLL MAN



WHEN!
T-THAT
WAS
CLOSE!

--THIS IS THE YOGI'S ANSWER TO MY CHALLENGE! IF HE CAN'T BRING MY "DEAD" BROTHER TO ME, HE'S GOING TO BRING ME TO MY DEAD BROTHER!



NOW THESE CHARACTERS WILL BRING ME TO YOGI! LATCH ON DOLL GIRL! THEY CAME TO TAKE US FOR A "RIDE"! WELL, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE ONE!

RIGHT!



FUNNY! I KNOW WE RAN 'EM DOWN, BUT I DON'T SEE 'EM! WHAT COULD'VE HAPPENED?

YOUR BOSS ISN'T THE ONLY MAGICIAN! WE MAKE WITH THE MAGIC, TOO! ALLEY-OOP!



IF THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOUR EYES, PAL -- NOW YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS!

I-IT'S DOLL MAN! --GASP-- WHERE'D HE COME FROM?



DON'T WORRY WHERE WE CAME FROM, PUNK! WORRY WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO! TRY THIS COFFIN FOR SIZE!

CRACK
CRACK
CRACK



THE MEDDLIN' MIDGET! KILL HI... OOOF!

QUICK, DOLL GIRL! THE OLD ONE-TWO! HERE'S ONE!--



HERE'S TWO!

NOW LET'S INTRODUCE OURSELVES TO THE BOYS UP FRONT!

WHACK
CRACK



TAKE US TO THE YOGI! -- TRY ANYTHING FUNNY AND YOU'LL BE MINUS A HEAD! GOT THAT?

GULP! SURE!

A HALF HOUR LATER, IN A RICH NEIGHBORHOOD!

THAT'S THE YOGI'S CAR! HE'S PAYIN' HIS DAILY VISIT TO MRS. VAN BRUNT-- HIS BEST CLIENT! SHE HAD A SON MISSIN' IN THE WAR!

SHE'S GOT A SCREW MISSING IN HER HEAD, TOO, IF SHE BELIEVES IN YOGI THE MEDIUM! DOLL GIRL-- ESCORT THESE JOKERS TO THE POLICE STATION! THEN MEET ME BACK HERE!



DOLL MAN
MINUTES LATER, AS THE DOLL MAN CLIMBS A LOOSE VINE--

I PROMISED YOU A SIGN THAT I'M IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH YOUR SON, MRS. VAN BRUNT! HERE IT IS! A FAMILY HEIRLOOM TOM VAN BRUNT CARRIED INTO BATTLE!

GASP! THE VAN BRUNT LUCK CHARM!



I'LL TAKE THAT! IT WAS NO LUCK TO YOUR SON, MA'AM-- AND STILL LESS LUCK TO YOU!

T-THE DOLL MAN!

GASP!



WHERE DID YOU GET HIS CHARM, YOGI?

THE SPIRIT OF THE DEAD GAVE IT TO ME!

SPIRIT? BUT, YOGI, YOU SAID YOU HAVE TOM'S BODY AT YOUR STUDIO! THAT HIS CORPSE CAN BE RESTORED TO LIFE IF I GIVE YOU \$50,000!



HERE IS YOUR MONEY, YOGI! BRING MY BOY BACK TO LIFE!

KEEP YOUR MONEY, MRS. VAN BRUNT! YOU'RE THROWING IT DOWN A SEWER!

THEN YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, DOLL MAN? - THAT I CAN RAISE THE DEAD?



OH, HE CAN! I'VE HEARD MY BOY TALK THROUGH HIS TRUMPET! I'VE SEEN TOM'S FACE! I'VE BEEN WELL REPAID FOR THE THOUSANDS I GAVE YOGI!

YOU'RE A FOOL, MRS. VAN BRUNT! YOU DESERVE TO BE FLEECED! BUT I MUST THINK OF THE OTHER SUPERSTITIOUS FOOLS THIS DEVIL CAN PREY ON!



LET'S PLAY THE STRING OUT, YOGI! YOU'VE GOT ME CURIOUS! LET'S SEE THIS DEAD MAN YOU'RE GOING TO RAISE!

A PLEASURE! A CHANCE TO PROVE MY INNOCENCE IS ALL I CRAVE! THIS WAY, PLEASE!



LATER AT THE YOGI'S STUDIO ...

THIS, OF COURSE, IS MERELY MY CONSULTATION ROOM! HOWEVER, I WORK MY MIRACLES IN HERE! STILL GAME, DOLL MAN?

OF COURSE I'M GAME!



YOU NEVER SPOKE A TRUER WORD, DOLL MAN! GAME YOU ARE! MY PET SATAN ADORES HUMAN FLESH!



LIKE ANY GOOD MAGICIAN I ACCOMPLISH MIRACLES WITH MIRRORS! LEOPARD PITS APPEAR INSTEAD OF ROOMS! ISN'T SATAN BEAUTIFUL? LIKE ANY HOUSE CAT, HE KEEPS THE PESTS AWAY!

GRRR



I'VE MET DOUBTERS BEFORE! BUT THEY'RE EASILY CURED! I DROP THEM INTO THIS PIT AND PRESTO--! THEIR DOUBTS VANISH UNDER SATAN'S CLAWS!

KEEP DOWN, MRS. VAN BRUNT! THE CAT'S GOING TO LEAP!



I GUESS SATAN'S USED TO BIGGER PREY!

GRRROW



THIS'S THE FIRST TIME A BLACK CAT IS GOING TO BE IT'S OWN BAD LUCK!

GRRR



A GREAT PERFORMANCE! THE DOLL MAN LIVES UP TO HIS REPUTATION! AS A REWARD I SHALL TELL YOU MY LITTLE SECRET BEFORE YOU DIE! BEING THEM UP, BOYS!

SO THE DOLL MAN WAS RIGHT! YOU ARE A LIAR AND A MURDERER!



YES! - MY TRUE NAME IS THOMAS TURB! I WORKED IN THE PERSONAL EFFECTS DEPARTMENT OF THE WAR OFFICE! IT WAS VERY EASY TO STEAL PERSONAL EFFECTS FROM EACH DUFFEL BAG SENT TO AMERICA FROM THE BATTLE FRONT!



I STOLE THE PERSONAL BELONGINGS OF THOUSANDS OF CASUALTIES! THAT'S HOW I CAME ACROSS TOM'S LUCK CHARM, MRS. VAN BRUNT!



IT PAID. I ASSURE YOU! PEOPLE ARE SO GULLIBLE! HERE ARE THE LISTS OF ALL WAR DEAD! THEIR NUMBERS, THEIR DAY OF DOOM, ETC.! THAT'S HOW I SUSPECTED A MAN CALLED DARREL DANE OF BAITING ME! HE HAD NO BROTHER LISTED AS DEAD!



I GET IT! WITH THIS INFORMATION YOU MADE ADVANCES TO BEREAVED FAMILIES!

YOU TOLD THEM YOU HAD ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH THE DEAD!

YES, THIS CORPSE OF TOM VAN BRUNT WAS TO HAVE BEEN MY MASTERPIECE! JUST A MASK, OVER THE FACE OF ONE OF MY STOOGES - WHOM I'D BRING TO LIFE! AN EASY TASK! HE'S VERY MUCH ALIVE AS YOU OR I!



DON'T BE TOO SURE! I KNOCKED HIM COLD LIKE THIS!



THIS SEANCE TABLE IS SUPPOSED TO RISE BY ITSELF - SO PUT THE BLAME ON YOGI!



YI-I-I!

IF YOU HEAR MUSIC, LICE, IT'S NOT THAT THE TRUMPET IS BLOWING! IT'S GABRIEL'S HORN!



MOMENTS LATER AS DOLL GIRL EXPLAINS HER PRESENCE!

ON THE WAY TO THE POLICE THE BOYS TOLD ME OF THE COFFIN STUNT! SO I THOUGHT I'D SCOUT YOGI'S JOINT BEFORE I WENT TO MRS. VAN BRUNTS!

DOLL GIRL, YOU'RE AS WELCOME AS THE PUNISHMENT THAT'LL BE HANDED OUT TO THESE RASCALS FOR BRINGING SUCH HEARTLESS GRIEF TO UNSUSPECTING FAMILIES!



DOLL MAN

HAS DARREL DANE TURNED CRIMINAL? THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE FAMED CHEMIST DELIBERATELY HELPED 12 DANGEROUS KILLERS ESCAPE FROM STATE PRISON! BUT ONLY DOLL MAN, DANE'S DYNAMIC DUAL IDENTITY KNOWS THE TRUE STORY BEHIND THIS MAD DEED -- A STORY WHOSE HORROR IS ONLY EXCEEDED BY THE PERILS DOLL MAN FACED TO PROVE HIS ALTER EGO INNOCENT!

WANTED DARREL DANE



DOLL MAN WAS AT THE POINT OF WINDING UP A GRIM BATTLE AGAINST A GIANT-SIZED PROTECTION RACKET RUN BY AN ARCH-CRIMINAL KNOWN ONLY AS THE MASK!

REMEMBER, DAVIS... STALL THE MASK'S GUNMEN TILL WE CAN CIRCLE BACK TO THE MASK'S CAR! IF WE CAN CAPTURE HIM, WE'LL END HIS EXTORTION RACKET AGAINST THE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES!

A CAR'S PULLING UP! LET'S HIDE, DOLL MAN!

THIS GUY DAVIS IS A THORN IN OUR SIDE! IF HE DOESN'T KICK IN WITH TRIBUTE, THE OTHERS WILL FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE!

LEAVE DAVIS TO US, MASK! DAVIS WILL COUGH UP THE TWENTY GRAND YOU TOLD HIM TO HAVE READY OR WE'LL WIPE UP THE GROUND WITH HIM!





THE FOLLOWING DAY AS DARREL DANE, FAMED RESEARCH CHEMIST, WHO BELIEVED THAT REFORMED CONVICTS SHOULD BE LOANED OUT OF PRISON TO LEARN FURTHER RESPONSIBILITY AND SELF-RESPECT, PAID A VISIT TO THE PRISON WARDEN--

IF YOU'LL SEND THE GOVERNOR THE NAMES OF ANY CONVICTS INTERESTED IN CHEMICAL RESEARCH, I WOULD GLADLY TRAIN THEM IN MY LAB -- UNDER MY CUSTODY!

I'LL THINK IT OVER, MR. DANE! THANK YOU FOR COMING!



TWO DAYS LATER, MARTHA ROBERTS, DANE'S FIANCEE, PAYS HIM A VISIT --

SO YOU DID HEAR FROM THE GOVERNOR! IT IS MEN OF YOUR FORESIGHT, MR. DANE, WHO MAKE OUR SOCIETY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN!

SKIP THAT PART, MARTHA -- I LIKE THE PART WHERE THE GOVERNOR ASKS ME TO PICK UP THE WARDEN'S LIST OF SUGGESTED CONVICTS TONIGHT!



THEN YA GOT THE WHOLE STORY STRAIGHT? THIS GUY'S NAME IS DANE! -- DARREL DANE!

LEAVE IT TO THE MASK! BY THIS TIME TOMORROW, YOU'LL BE FREE AS THE BREEZE -- AN' YA'LL HAVE MR. DANE TO THANK FOR IT!



I'D RESPECT DANE'S OPINION, WARDEN! HE HAS A BRILLIANT REPUTATION! -- AND WE DO HAVE SOME CONVICTS WORTHY OF TRUST! I THINK WE OUGHT TO TAKE A CHANCE, SIR!

WHAT DO YOU THINK, CAPTAIN?



THAT NIGHT AS DARREL DANE LEFT HIS LABORATORY --

IT WAS A GOOD THING BLASSED TO BO RYKER! IF THE CHUMPS DIDN'T TELL ED THEY WERE BEN' LOANED OUT TO DANE, THE WRONG GUY'S WOULD'VE GOT OUT!

YES! IT'LL BE GOOD TO HAVE MY OLD GANG TOGETHER AGAIN! THEY'RE ALL PROTECTION RACKET ACES! THEY'LL MAKE MINCE-MEAT OF DOLL MAN!



A HALF-HOUR LATER, INSIDE THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE --

YOU'LL FIND THE LIST OF SUGGESTED NAMES OF CONVICTS INSIDE THAT SEALED ENVELOPE, MR. DANE!! IT'S UP TO YOU WHETHER YOU TAKE SOME OR ALL!

AS LONG AS THE WARDEN HAS RECOMMENDED THEM, MR. GOVERNOR, I'LL TAKE THEM ALL!



HERE COMES DANE NOW! WHERE SHALL WE JUMP HIM, MASK?

AT HIS HOUSE! -- HE MUST HAVE A TYPEWRITER AT HOME -- AND WE'LL NEED ONE! WE'VE GOT TWELVE NAMES TO SWITCH!



SHORTLY AFTER, AT DANE'S HOUSE AS DARREL SLICES OPEN THE ENVELOPE ---



LET'S SEE NOW! WHO WAS RECOMMENDED!



CRACK



HE'S OUT COLD! AND THAT'S HOW I WANT HIM TO STAY TILL WE FINISH THE JOB! SAP HIM, JOE, EVERY TIME THE SHNOOK STIRS!

OKAY, MASK!



I FOUND A TYPEWRITER, MASK!

GOOD! LAY IT ON THE CORNER! I MUST DO AN INK ERADICATING JOB WITH THOSE SPECIAL CHEMICALS! I'LL FIX IT SO NOBODY SUSPECTS A SWITCHEROO TILL IT'S TOO LATE!

AN HOUR LATER---

HOW'S IT LOOK, MASK? -- I'M SO USED TO PULLIN' ROBBERIES, I GOT NO EYE FOR MY OWN WORK!

IT'S OKAY, JOE! THE BOOB WILL THINK HE WAS ROBBED AND HE'LL NEVER GIVE THE LIST A SECOND THOUGHT! LET'S SCRAM!



LATER THAT EVENING --



LET JOHN GO FOR THE CONVICTS, DARREL! YOU'VE GOT TO WAIT FOR THE DOCTOR TO STITCH UP THOSE CUTS! WHAT WERE THE THIEVES AFTER, I WONDER?

DRUGS, PROBABLY! CRIMINALS HAVE THE MISTAKEN IDEA EVERY CHEMIST HAS A STORE OF OPIUM HIDDEN AWAY FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES! -- DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO, JOHN?

YESSIR! I'LL BE BACK IN A FEW HOURS, SIR!

AN HOUR LATER AT THE PRISON --

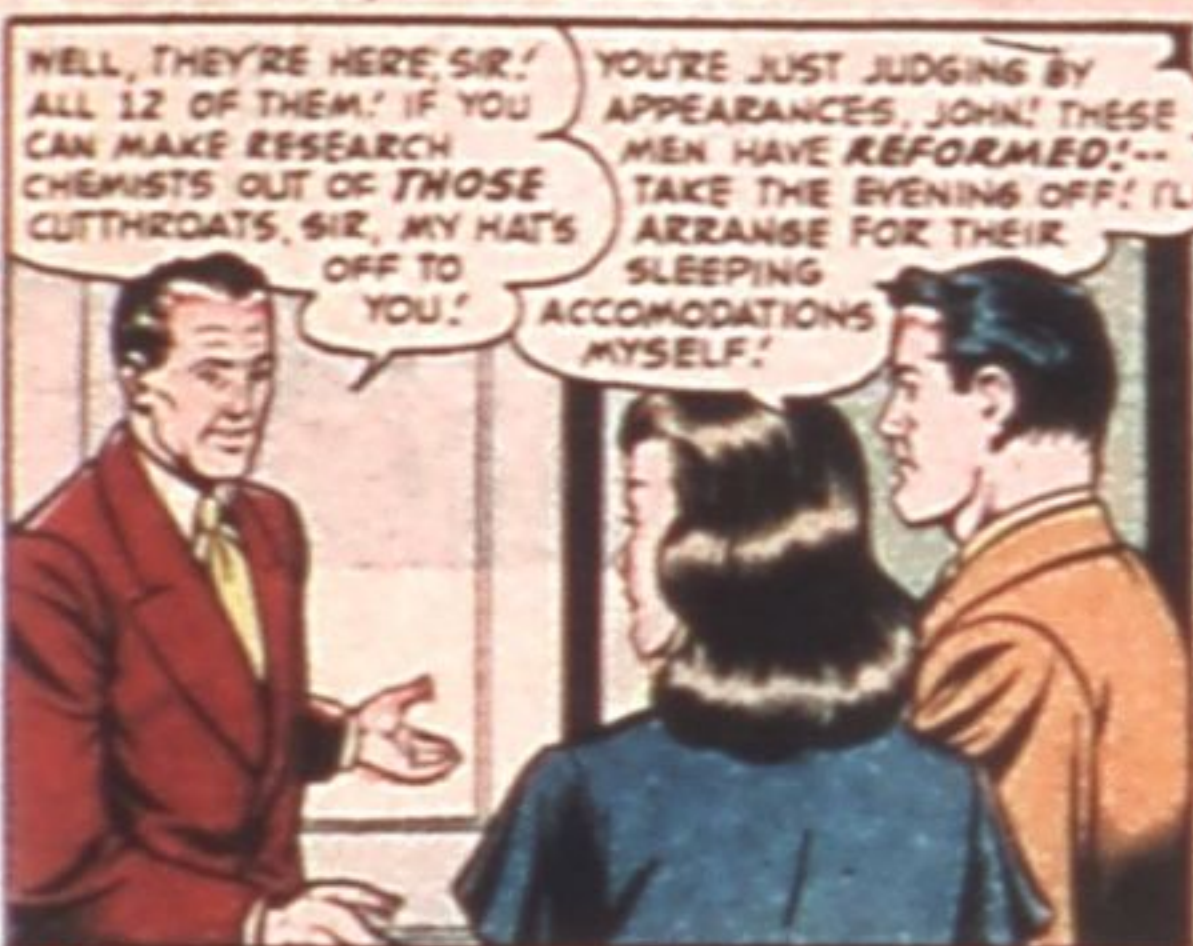


ARE YOU SURE MR. DANE'S GOT THE RIGHT CONVICTS ON HIS LIST?

POSITIVE, SIR! MR. DANE NEVER MAKES A MISTAKE!

IT'S GOT THE WARDEN'S SIGNATURE AND THE GOVERNOR'S STAMP! IT'S GOT TO BE RIGHT!

AN HOUR LATER, AT THE LABORATORY---



BUT SECONDS LATER...



AS MARTHA COMES TO FIRST--



UTILIZING THEIR UNIQUE ABILITY TO CONDENSE THE MOLECULES OF THEIR BODIES TO BECOME THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MITES, DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL LEAP THROUGH THE TRANSOM!

ANY INFORMATION LEADING TO THE CAPTURE OF DARREL DANE WILL BE REWARDED! DARREL DANE IS WANTED AND WANTED BADLY!

WHAT DARREL DANE WANTS TO DO GOOD... AND IT BOOMER-ANGED! DOLL GIRL-- WE'RE GOING TO THE STATE PRISON AND FIND OUT WHY!



GAINING PERMISSION FROM THE WARDEN TO SPEAK TO ONE OF THE "RECOMMENDED" CONVICTS --



MEANWHILE, IN THE MASK'S INNER SANCTUM...



LATER THAT EVENING --

WE GOTTA SCARE THE DOUGH OUTA DAVIS! OKAY! THIS'LL KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE! WE'LL SABOTAGE DAVIS' CONSTRUCTION JOB TONIGHT TO SHOW HIM WE MEAN BUSINESS... AN' WHEN DOLL MAN COMES SNOOPIN' AROUND --

HE TRIPS INTO THE TRAP AND -- FINISH DOLL MAN!

WHACK



DOLL MAN
THAT NIGHT --

YOUR HUNCH WAS CORRECT, DOLL MAN! RYKER AND THE MASK DID INTEND TO MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF DAVIS -- THEY'RE IN THERE NOW SABOTAGING DAVIS' WORK!

THE SKUNKS! CATAPULT ME INSIDE, DOLL GIRL, WHILE YOU FETCH DAVIS AND THE POLICE!



YOU'RE OFF!



HEH! HEH! I KNEW THE DOLL MAN WOULD KEEP AN EYE ON DAVIS' JOB!

PLUNKK



!GASP! I -- I'VE FALLEN INTO A GIANT RAT TRAP! !GASP!

WE'VE GOT HIM!

SNAP



IF IT ISN'T OUR PINT-SIZED HERCULES! NOW WE CAN KICK HIS MEDDLING BRAINS OUT!

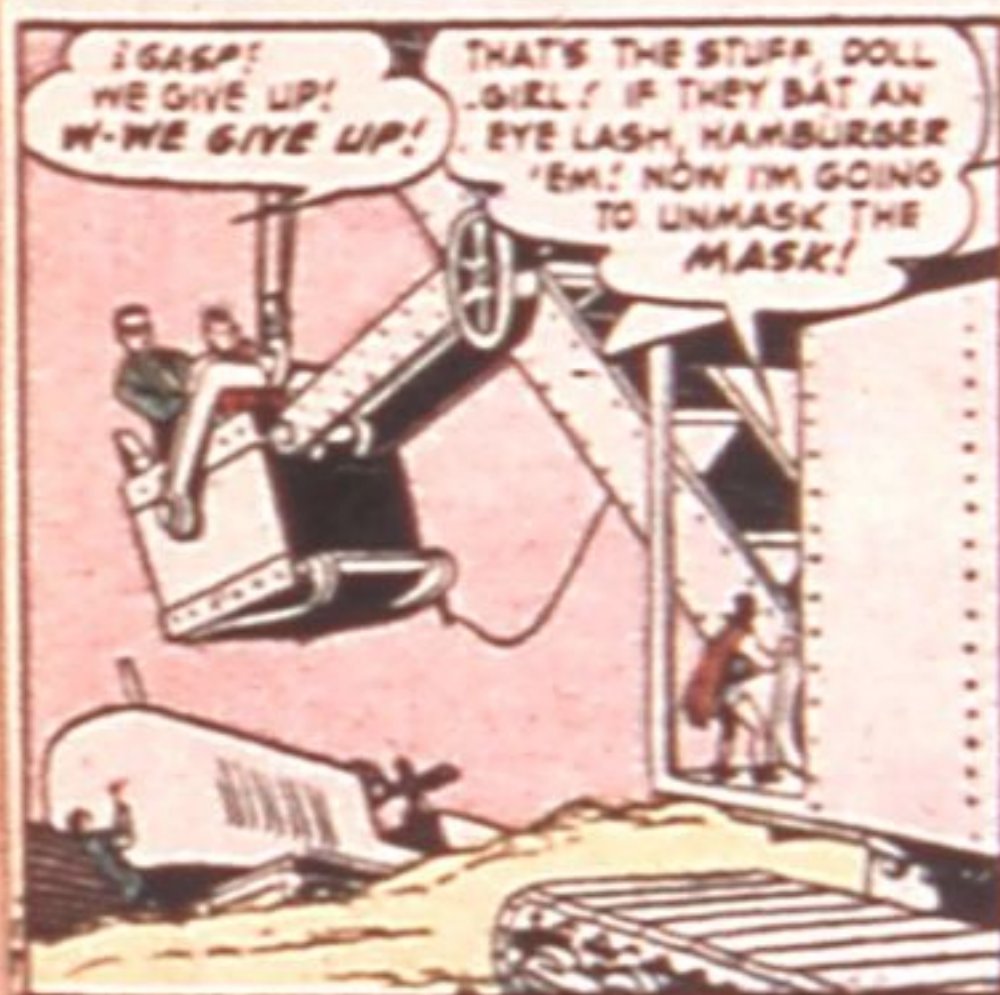
SEE, MASK? AND YOU WERE WORRIED! PUT YER HEATERS AWAY! I'M GOIN' TO RAISE THE DEVIL WITH DOLL MAN! I'M GOIN' TO SPIT HIM ON THIS PITCH FORK!



GO AHEAD, RYKER! KILL ME!! YOU STILL WON'T ESCAPE JUSTICE!

WITH YOU OUTA THE WAY, LITTLE SHOT, I CAN BE A BIG SHOT! JUST A LITTLE MORE PRESSURE, AND --

!GASP! IT'S A GOOD THING I CAME IN TO RE-CONNOITER! THEY'VE TRAPPED DOLL MAN! I'VE GOT TO WORK FAST!



A FEW DAYS LATER, AS THE "MASK" IS REVEALED TO BE AN UNSCRUPULOUS BUILDER OUT TO RUIN HIS RIVALS, AND GARREL DANE'S NAME IS CLEARED--



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